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John and Beverly - I wanted to pass along what David said to WLO today at our reg review about the part he and Matt were mentioned. David said fine with emailing my recitation of his remarks around so please feel free to circulate to staff. Thanks.

My notes (I was typing to capture it) have David saying "regarding the part of the tape where Tom Collier says that Matt Leopold and his deputy assured me that the mine could move forward or something like that, I just wanted you all to know that that's a lie and wanted to be clear with you that I never provided any assurance like that; I never would. That's not how EPA works, that's not how the government works and I found that to be totally outrageous and I guess other people did too because Tom Collier resigned yesterday." He went on to say how that was "one of many statements where he claimed a bunch of things that other people now have said are not true" and "I didn't want you all to be left thinking that maybe this happened; I wanted you to hear from me that that's just a straight up mistruth."

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